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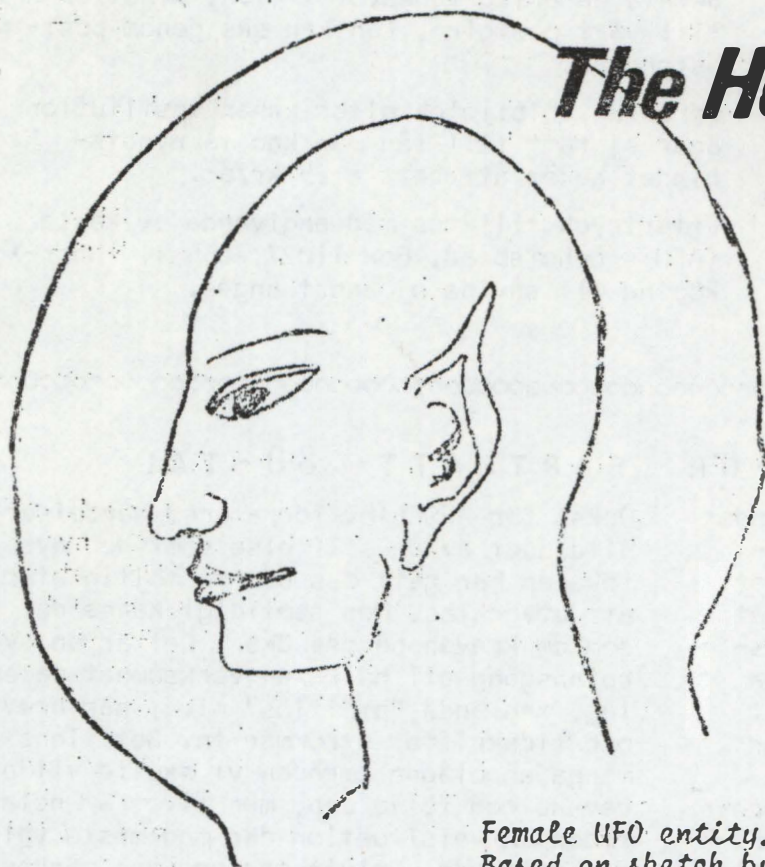
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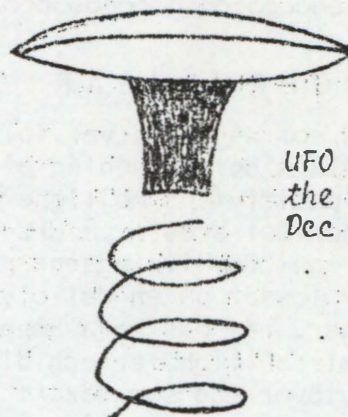
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Female UFO entity.
Based on sketch by witness.

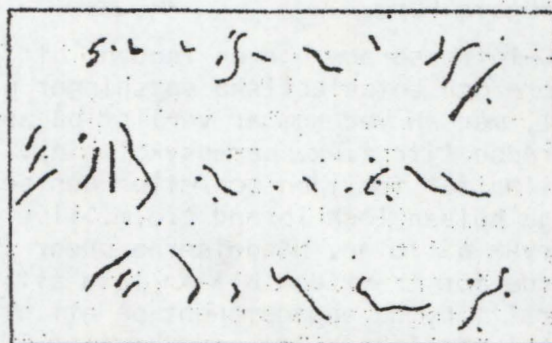
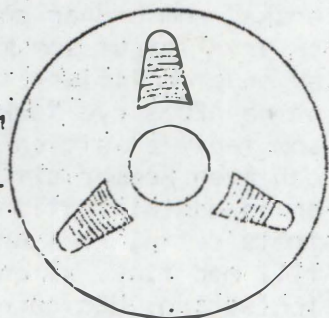
The Helge File - men in black in Sweden?



UFO seen on
the ice on
Dec 9th, 1965.

PROJECT U.R.D.

- A Swedish system
aimed at compute-
rization of world-
wide UFO data



Copy of plate given to Helge by the
UFO entities.

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ARKIVET FÖR UFO-FORSKNING (AFU) är en ideell, privatfinansierad stiftelse med huvuduppgift att bygga upp och driva ett arkiv och bibliotek för litteratur om oidentifierade flygande föremål.

Vi är mycket tacksamma för gåvor i form av böcker, tidskrifter och annat material med anknytning till UFO-temat, eller för ekonomiska bidrag till vår bokfond för inköp av litteratur.

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FÖRHOPPNINGAR INFÖR FORTSATT 80-TAL

Mer än vad som någonsin var fallet under 70-talet finns det anledning att nu - 1981 - se positivt på möjligheterna att göra ett seriöst arbete på UFO-området här i Sverige. Omvärkningarna på rikspanet har lossat på en del olyckliga blockeringar. Låt oss bara hoppas att inte nya misshälligheter och dispyter uppstår, utöver vad som säkert blir "nödvändigt" även i framtiden med hänsyn till att mycket av ufologins data och teorier är omtvistade och att källkritik, noggrannhet och kunskap inte alltid står i högsta kurs.

UFO-intresserade har en tendens att göra stora och entusiastiska satsningar på ämnet, mer än vad som är vanligt på andra områden (jfr t.ex. parapsykologin). Inte sällan får familjen och/eller den personliga hälsan (och ibland t.o.m. livet) stryka på foten. Händelserna under 1980 borde för framtiden bli en läxa att framförallt bygga engagemanget på ett större antal människors förenade krafter istället för på överentusiasm hos ett litet fåtal "utarbetade" ufologer. Bredd och variabla erfarenheter är även viktiga förutsättningar för ämnets utveckling.

Också för AFU blev förra året händelserikt. Bildandet av en stiftelse samt den nya lokalen har gett oss bättre möjligheter att utvecklas. Men samtidigt känns det som om kraven på oss ökar. Det är en svår balansgång att hålla en verksamhet på en låg, men ändå "ambitiös" nivå, när brev och tidskrifter strömmar in. Det finns många angelägna områden vi skulle vilja bevaka och följa upp, men livet är hela tiden en vassituation där man måste välja den eller de aktiviteter som kan tänkas ge bäst utdelning.

Vi är många tack skyldiga de många som varit våra "supporters" under året: Inge-
mar och "Kjells brödraskara" som hjälpte till med "flytten". Barbro, som pysslat och ordnat det praktiska i lokalen förutom att hon sedan flera år är vår "tryckerska" som ordnar så att nyhetsbladet ser så prydligt ut som man någonsin kan begära av en stenciltidskrift. Jag måste också nämna AFU:s nye "arkivarie", Sven-Olov, som tagit på sig en mängd sorteringsjobb och även kommer att sköta boklån och annan administration. Men vi behöver, trots detta, fler krafter som kan hjälpa till med t.ex. klipparkivering och katalogisering. Hör gärna av dig..!

Inte minst bör vi tacka alla som pratat och skrivit väl om AFU i olika sammanhang: radioprogram, föredrag, böcker, tidskriftsartiklar. Mer vind i seglen än vad vi haft det senaste året orkar vi kanske inte med!

En viktig uppgift under 1981 blir för oss att göra en genomgripande katalogisering av vad vi har - en del har uppenbarat sig först sedan vi packat upp otaliga lagerkartonger! I första hand hade vi tänkt oss en helt ny bestandslista eller snarare "katalog", för den lär bli på 25 å 30 sidor, minst. Det är flera år sedan vi tryckte någon boklista så det är verkligen ett angeläget projekt.

Ekonomin är förstås ett problem, som vanligt. Så här när det är dags att betala in nya årsavgifter är det väl dags att återigen påminna om vår bokfond. Läs mellan raderna i AFU:s ekonomiska rapport i detta nummer och du ser vårt dilemma!

Min sammanställning "Spökraketerna 1946 - nyhetsbyråmaterialet" är nu tyvärr slutsåld, men kan fortfarande lånas från AFUs bibliotek. För att få en liten kassaförstärkning säljer vi istället ut kvarvarande exemplar av nyhetsbladet och tidskriften Ufologen som vi gav ut åren 1972-74. Tidningarna kostar 6:--/styck, oavsett storlek (vissa är bara tunna häften). Ange vilka nr du har förut, och vilka du vill ha, så ska vi försöka göra det bästa möjliga, vi kanske tvingas dra en och annan kopia för att få ett nummer komplett...

En tidskrift vi gärna vill rekommendera, och som Håkan glömde i tidskriftssammanställningen i nr 17, är UFO Center i Karlskoga's "Svävaren". Stor omsorg läggs ned på layout och eget material. Adressen är: c/o Owe E. Lewitzki, Bladvägen 25, 691 00 Karlskoga.

Boris Jungkvist är en av våra trognaste bidragsgivare genom åren. I slutet av förra året fick vi en ny sändning värdefullt material, bl.a. Inbundna årgångar av Flying Saucer Review åren 1958-65, en del officiella amerikanska dokument och utredningar, samt tidskrifter och klipp.

Intresset för verksamhet av den typ vi bedriver tycks vara på uppåtgående ute i världen. Informationsmängden på UFO-området är nu så enormt stor att ingen människa förmår greppa hela ämnet. Organisationer och grupper inrättar bibliotek och arkiv eller "resource centers". Man utser bibliotekarier, gör undersökningar om

Ufologers informationsbehov. Bibliografier ges ut i land efter land och bibliografiska sammanställningar är en viktig ingrediens i tidskrifter och böcker. Behov finns av ett årligt "UFO-Index" där man enkelt kan hitta vad som skrivits i frågan.

AFU har i detta sammanhang en "bred" linje. Ingen aspekt är "förbjuden". I biblioteket samlas en rad "kulturtidskrifter" sida vid sida med material om inre jorden-teorin och mer vetenskapligt sinnade rapporter. Tidskrifter och böcker om djurmisshandel, ley lines, astroarkeologi, ja t.o.m. "tomtar och troll" trängs med APRO, MUFON och FSR. Vi samlar t.o.m. på skönlitteratur och science fiction med UFO-motiv. UFO-forskning är, som vi ser det, inte bara rapporter. UFO-idéernas inverkan på tankemönstren i samhället är ett fascinerande - och vetenskapligt! - forskningsområde som inte får glömmas.

Ett delproblem i ufologins utmarker är "kontakt"-fallen och de s.k. männen i svart (MIB). Du har säkert hört och läst om att sådana fall skulle ha inträffat också här i lilla Svedala. Håkan har under ett årtionde samlat noteringar om ett av de mer "ruskiga" UFO-fall vi känner till. Vi tänkte "sticka ut näsan" litet genom att ägna lejonparten av det 20:e nyhetsbladet åt den här "härvan". Med svenska mått mätt är "Helge-fallet" (Helge är naturligtvis en pseudonym) sensationellt och svårt att "bevåsa", särskilt som huvudpersonen inte velat ställa upp i en undersökning. En slags "folksaga" där man som alltid bör agera med viss skepsis. Skepsis kan dock ta sig olika uttryck. Ytttrar den sig i absolut förnekande och ovilja att lyssna till vittnesmål är den svår att förstå.

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Anders Liljegren

VERKSAMHETSBERÄTTELSE 1980

Stiftelsen Arkivet för UFO-forskning stöds vid utgången av året av 75 personer. Nedgången i antal stödjande kan tro-
ligen spåras till nyhetsbladets ökade in-
riktning på engelsk text. Å andra sidan
har den sistnämnda förändringen medfört
att AFU nu regelbundet mottar mer än 100
utländska och svenska tidskrifter.

Under året förverkligades två viktiga mål:

1. AFU ombildades till en stiftelse, vil-
ket ger bättre möjligheter att i fram-
tiden verka som arkiverande och infor-
mationsstödjande institution för
svenska UFO-intresserade och forskare.
2. Under senhösten flyttades hela samlin-
gen till en nyrustad lokal där vi nu
har möjlighet att under ett antal år
framåt bygga ut samlingen utan att
riskera platsbrist.

1980 tillfördes biblioteket 66 nya boktit-
lar och 30 tillköp gjordes. Samlingen om-
fattar nu drygt 800 enskilda titlar samt
omkring 1.530 bokexemplar. Under 1981 hop-
pas vi kunna ge ut en ny beståndskatalog
som skall redovisa hela samlingen i ett
och samma häfte.

Värdefulla donationer har vi under året
fått från Boris Jungkvist, Zoran Maksic,
Gene Duplantier, Odense Antikvariat, Jan
Fjellander, Gösta Johanson, Bernd Schumann,

Sven Andersson, Carola von Recken-Ver-
lag, Robert J M Rickard & New English
Library, W. Raymond Drake och Bjarno
Finderup. Ett hjärtligt tack!!

Låneverksamheten har under året krympt
till 42 lån. Vi tror detta är en till-
fällig nedgång.

Arkivet har under året haft abonnemang
på svenska klipp ur dags-, fack- och
populärpress. Fr.o.m. juni har UFO-Sve-
rige deltagit med 40% av kostnaden för
detta abonnemang mot att materialet -
innan det arkiveras av oss - kan använ-
das av riksorganisationens rapportcen-
tral. Antalet klipp minskade med hela
45 %, från 1.015 förra året till 560.
Genomsnittskostnaden per klipp ökade
samtidigt med 3:51 till 4:54. En över-
siktlig inventering tyder på att Arkivet
nu har omkring 15.000 klipp, huvudsakli-
gen från åren 1965-80. Klipp lånas ej
ut, men kopior kan köpas i begränsad om-
fattning t.ex. för konkreta forsknings-
arbeten.

Tidskriftssamlingen tillförs i genomsnitt
ett par häften per dag, eller cirka 500
per år. Den enorma mängd information
dessa innehåller skulle behöva katalogi-
seras -! varje fall de mer seriösa tid-
skrifterna- för att Arkivet ska kunna er-
bjuda snabb åtkomst av relevant information.

Ekonomisk sammanställning 1980

Inkomster:

Arsavgifter 1980	2.460:--
Gåvor till bokfonden	583:--
Gåvor från AFUs styrelse	6.313:05
Försäljning (bibliografi m.m.)	1.890:30
UFO-Sveriges del av klipp- bevakning	568:--
Bokförda utgifter betalade -81	811:--
Ing. saldo postgiro 1/1-80	359:64

12.984:99

Utgifter:

Tryckning nyhetsbl. 17-19	353:50
Porto för nyhetsbladet	1.077:25
Porto övrig verksamhet	1.255:80
Bokinköp, tidskrifter, m.m.	1.774:14
Offsetbroschyr om AFU	2.292:--
Löpande klippbevakning	2.544:--
Kontorsmaterial	843:25
Hyllor och inredning	1.585:75
Inbindning	300:--
Lokalhyra	265:--
Utg. saldo postgiro 31/12-80	694:30

12.984:99

Södertälje och Norrköping 1 februari 1981

Håkan Blomqvist Kjell Jonsson Anders Liljegren

DITT STÖD TILL AFU BEHÖVS !!

SVENSK PRESSKRÖNIKA

Ytterligare ett antal recensioner av Boris Jungkvists bok kan noteras: Existerar UFOs eller s.k. flygande tefat? är rubriken för Roland Ekströms anmälan i TCOTidningen nr 18/1980.

Ny bok av svensk UFO-forskare. Signaturen Karl anmäler boken i Skövde Nyheter, 801023. "Jungkvists bok måste betraktas som ett viktigt och betydelsefullt bidrag ...".

Den verkliga osannolikheten är Hans Krooks mer reserverade recension i en av de stora drakarna: Svenska Dagbladet, 801106: "Den hånfulla attityd som möter UFO-folket kommer dem att likna sig själva vid Pasteur ... I övrigt föreligger betryggande skillnader mellan Louis Pasteur och Boris Jungkvist, det kan jag försäkra".

Fiskvarelse en UFO i Zetterholms nya roman. Bertil Norbergs recension i Sala Allehanda 801025 av Tore Zetterholms roman "Oannes" får exemplifiera en lång rad recensioner av denna bok som lånat en del motiv från Robert Temple's bok "The Sirius mystery".

De olösta gåtorna. I den mindre kända tidskriften "Kompaniofficeren" (nr 6/80) recenserar signaturen B.P. Erich von Dänikens "Det förgångnas profet" och Allen Hyneks "UFO-rapporten".

Rymdmännen ville bosätta sig på jorden. Artikel i två avsnitt (Saxons nr 50 och 51/1980) där Jean Carr refererar fallet John Mann, en abduction-händelse involverande en hel familj. Frank Johnson har skrivit en i England nyutgiven bok om fallet, "The Janos People". Johnson har i engelska UFO-magasin betecknats som "naturligt troende" när han på UFO-konferenser presenterat fallet.

Finns det verkligen flygande tefat? Mårten Ekenstam har för ungdomstidningen Kamratposten (nr 11/80) skrivit en allmänorienterande artikel som beskriver ufologin såsom ämnet betraktades i mitten av 60-talet. Inte ett enda svenskt fall tas ex.vis upp. Dåligt!

Han tror på flygande tefat - gör du? Boris J. intervjuas av Louise Drangel i "Norrört", 800918.

Nonsens säger vetenskapen, men lyssnar på svar från rymden. Louise Drangel följer upp i Norrört 801002 med att intervjua anonym docent i astronomi: "Men jag lovar, skulle det verkligen visa sig ett

oförklarligt fenomen av tillräckligt trovärdigt slag så skulle det bli ett första gradens forskningsobjekt direkt..." -

- Red. Drangel har även kontaktat ett av Jungkvists vittnen, Hans Brüggenér i Åkersberga. 1975 påstods han (13 år gammal och i sällskap med en äldre kamrat) ha sett ett UFO. Nu säger han "det var nog en kulblåst.. Boris Jungkvist talade om för mig vad jag sett - ett flygande tefat". - - - Fallet Brüggenér tas även upp i Astrum Argentinum Galactica, en bitisk UFO/SF-tidskrift som ges ut av Bertil A G Schälén i Lund. Läser man ursprungsrapporten i GICOFF-Information nr 6/75 (URD-undersökning av Gunnar Törngren) har man svårt att tro på kulblåst-teorin. Kanske, trots allt, en efterhandskonstruktion av ett vittne som, enligt utsago i Norrört, ändrat mening efter att ha "genomlidit en rad fysiklektioner". Frågan hur vittnen upfattar och ändrar sina observationer i efterhand är ett intressant forskningsområde, liksom frågan hur UFO-undersökare med/undermedvetet påverkar sina vittnen.

Känd forskare nekades hålla sitt föredrag - för kontroversiellt. Henry Svensson ombads av kyrkobröderna att hålla ett föredrag, men sammanslutningens styrelse tackade senare nej. - Det här ämnet är inget som kyrkan kan befatta sig med. (Marie-stads-Tidningen 800915). (Vi väntar bara på att Ludvig Jönsson skall bjuda in ufologer till sin kyrka. Astrologer, parapsykologer och spiritister har ju redan varit där under stort rabalder...)

Rymdfrimärken och UFO i utställning på Postmuseum. Hugo Gustafsson tar upp utställningen i en frimärkskrönika som distribuerats av Förenade Landsortstidningar (FLT). (Se t.ex. Helsingborgs Dagblad, 800927).

Här såg vi tefatet. Två sidor om lokala och andra svenska UFO-fall, UFO-Sverige-utställningen på Postmuseum, m.m. - se GT 800928.

"Tefat" tankade vid Alnö-bron. Två 15-åringar och en bilist såg ett 20-30 m långt UFO som sänkte sig till 100 m höjd och stannade över vattnet. En pelare av ånga steg upp mot föremålet under ca 10 sek, sedan försvann det med ett åskliknande ljud. (Sundsvalls Tidning, 801007).

När fysik står på schemat kommer UFO på tapeten. Henry Svensson höll föredrag

för en grupp KomVux-elever (Mariestads-Tidningen 801015).

Finns flygande tefat? Carl-Anton Mattsson, Nyköping berättade för 90-talet Väster-
viksbör och man diskuterade vid mötet
att bilda en lokal förening (Västerviks-
Tidningen 801016).

Matilda, 77 år - såg hon en rymdvarelse?
Ulla Sporrner intervjuar (Östersunds-Pos-
ten 801023) Matilda Nilsson som i dec.
79 såg en varelse med litet, runt huvud
och långa armar stående på hennes förstu-
bro.

20 meter från henne stod en grön varelse.
Marie Forsströms observation av en själv-
lysande varelse, artikel i VLT 801028.
Se även UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt nr 3/80 sid
9 samt artikeln Jag mötte en varelse
från en annan planet av Lissa Olsson i
Min värld nr 52/80.

Ett vägskei i mörkaste Småland: Här bru-
kar spökliftaren dyka upp... Artikel av
Kenth Andreasson i GT 801031. En ung man
liftar med passerande bilar, talar om
Jesu återkomst och går därpå upp i rök.
- Detta är första gången jag hört talas
om att sägnen spridits även i Sverige,
kommenterar folklivsforskaren Bengt af
Klintberg.

Ett tefat som flyger! Ett österrikiskt,
propellerdrivet (!) tefatsbygge, se FIB/
Aktuellt nr 44/80.

De röjer undan mystiken kring flygande
tefat. Om Gävleborgs UFO-förenings ut-
ställning på biblioteket. Föreningen hade
besök av Christer Nordin, UFO-Sveriges
ordförande (Arbetarbladet 801103).

UFO-föreningens ordförande: Flygande te-
fat? Äsch! Börje Waker intervjuar Eskil
Nyström i Gävleborgs-föreningen, Gefle
Dagblad, 801230.

Vad var det systrarna såg på himlen? Ett
fall med EM-effekter nära Örebro, Neri-
kes Allihanda 801105. Se även UFO-Sveri-
ge-Aktuellt nr 1/81 s. 12.

Visst finns det andra varelser i världs-
rymden. UFO-Sveriges Tomas Tullholm in-
tervjuas av Piteå-Tidningens Jan Wester-
berg, 801108. Tomas har planer på att
skriva en bok om UFO-fall i Norrbotten.

Utställningar och föredrag om UFO. Två
samtidiga utställningar i Skara och
föredrag av Henry Svensson, rapporterade
i Skaraborgs Läns Tidning, 80112/15. "Ur
bibliotekets egna handskriftssamlingar,
bl.a. Sundholms, har man plockat fram en

del 1700-talsrapporter från Ekeby, Sävare,
Skövde och Särestad".

"Skrämmande ökning av oförklarliga fall"
Stig Aggestad, UFO-Sveriges rapportcentral,
intervjuas i VLT 801114.

Musikal om UFO. Rockgruppen Aura har gjort
en musikal om fyra rymdvarelser som besöker
jorden. (GP 801118).

Han vet att de finns. Boris Jungkvist port-
rätteras av Gert Holmertz i DN/Nord 801120.

UFO-föredrag på möte med björneborgsföräl-
drar. Föredrag av Owe Lewitzki på Hem och
skola-möte (Nya Kristineh.-Posten 801124).

- Vi måste bilda en lokalförening! säger
Lars Andersson och Per Wahlström i Borlän-
ge efter en tids observationer i trakten.
Wahlström är fältrapportör för Projekt-
URD. (Borlänge Tidning 801127).

- Dags att ta oss på allvar. Intervju med
Bengt-Åke Lidén, fältforskare för förening-
en UFO-Information. (Västg-Dem. 801205).

Malmö får UFO-jour. Arne Lundberg har ta-
git initiativ till att inrätta en telefon-
svarare på nr 29 28 26 i Malmö (Arbetet,
801211).

Byggede vi kärnreaktor redan för 60.000 år
sedan? Artikel i Hemmets Journal nr 49/80
som tar upp diverse mysterier, tydligen
hämtade ur bok av Maurice Chatelain.

FBI varnar för "djävulstriangeln"/Svensk
båt attackerades av pirater. DN:s Per
Sjögren (810124) om flera fall av modernt
sjöröveri som i vissa sensationskretsar
säkert kommer att vara mer "mystiska" än
vad de verkligen är. Sjöbedrägerier ökar
- Fartyg, frakter borta är en annan arti-
kel som spinner på samma tema, av Lennart
Ekdal (DN 810211). Mystiska sjöolyckor
refereras slutligen även i Svensk Sjöfarts-
tidning nr 7/81 sid 3 och 8.

Många konstiga ljusfenomen över Vadsbo.
Clas Svahn skriver om en rad lokala fall i
Mariestads-Tidningen 810108. En fru i
Sjötorp såg ett lysande ljusgrönt "Kris-
tuskors" på himlen.

K L I P P

för kompletteringar till ovanstående sam-
manställning mottages gärna, framförallt
om gränsområden till UFO-typ Bermudatri-
angeln, astroarkeologi, oförklarliga för-
svinnanden, spökflygplan, nedfallande fö-
remål & materia, djurmisshandelsfall och
annat forteanskt. Klipp returneras efter
kopiering, om så önskas.

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THE HELGE FILE

- MEN IN BLACK IN SWEDEN ?

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During my years as an active ufologist I have come across several UFO contact cases. In the beginning of the 70s I heard frequent rumours of a remarkable case involving the infamous men in black. Although being very sceptical I started collecting notes from various sources. This was not easy as several of the people involved were reluctant to reveal what they knew. Because of the sinister aspects of the case they had no wish to become mixed up again.

As the years passed some of the main witnesses became close friends of mine and so more and more I learned of the full details of the case. Today my Helge (x) file has grown to large proportions. Still, I probably would not have presented this case as yet save for an unusual coincidence. In 1979 a similar but totally unrelated MIB case emerged from an unexpected source. This case confirmed several of the data I had acquired earlier. I understand that there will be grave doubts regarding this information (x) - Helge is a nom du plume for the main witness.

but I am honestly presenting the facts as I know them.

The sources

Most of the information has been obtained from three different second-hand sources. All of them were closely related to Helge during the original experiences. Personally I have only had a short telephone conversation with Helge in 1973. He then stated that he was not allowed to tell anything and that people would be shocked if they knew of these things.

The original contact experience was first presented by Ernst Linder, then chairman of "Ufologiska sällskapet" - a Stockholm-based lecture group now discontinued - at a meeting on Jan. 27, 1966. Linder was the first person who heard of the case and made the initial investigations (1). In literature the case was first mentioned in the Swedish magazine Sökaren (2). Condensed versions of the original contact has also appeared in "UFO-gåtan" by Bjarne Håkansson (3) and "Tefatsfolket - vänner eller fiender" by Staffan Stigsjö (4).

Healed by UFO entities

Helge is an ordinary Swedish worker, age now around 60, rock-blaster by profession. He is a down-to-earth man and an atheist. The only difference from the common is that he is very telepathic which has got him into trouble several times because he can see when a man is lying and he doesn't hesitate to say so.

In December 1965 Helge was severely troubled by a stone in his kidneys. On Dec 9th, the day before his operation, he felt a sudden urge to take a long walk on a frozen lake in the vicinity of his home. At that time he lived with his wife in a small town not far from Gothenburg.

He took his dog along and started out on the lake. Suddenly the dog began to run in circles like he was mad. Helge had to put him in leash. There was a whining sound in the air. As Helge looks up he observes an object about 5 m in diameter and 3 m in height. It was saucer-shaped and translucent but not like glass. He could see figures moving inside. The object came closer to the ground in a spiralling movement. It stopped before touching the ice, and a dark tube was lowered from under the object. This tube was seemingly made of a soft material since it moved in the wind. He felt a breeze of hot air with a clear smell of hyacinth reach him.

Helge first thought that this must be a Russian machine but soon changed his mind. From the tube four entities floated down like in an invisible elevator and walked up to him. They were three men and one woman. Except for a translucent overall they were totally naked. One of the men seemed old while the others were younger. They were of normal height, had very large dark, somewhat slanted eyes and perfect teeth. Their skin had no blemishes and there was absolutely no hair on their bodies, not even genital hair.

Helge was especially fascinated by their ears which were large and pointed. The hole into the head was very large, like it is on a cat. He could almost see into their heads, he thought. The men seemed very strong, wrestler types with bull necks. As a whole they had a slight oriental look about them. The entities were covered by the clear plastic over-

ralls which looked like they were held out from the body by air pressure.

Helge became very confused but not afraid. They started a conversation through signs and drawings in the snow. The entities were very fascinated by his hair. He had to remove his cap several times and they laughed and pointed. When he tried to touch their overalls they quickly moved back. They didn't want him to touch them. With a small black package they sprayed gas (?) on everything before they touched it, even the dog. The dog didn't like this as the gas had a strong smell of hyacinth. Helge even smelled of hyacinth several days afterwards which made his wife wonder if he had already bought flowers for the coming Christmas.

The sign conversation on the ice went on for a while and Helge tried to explain several things, like hunting and dancing. The girl played with the dog which Helge thought strange since it was normally very aggressive towards strangers. All the time it looked as if they walked on an unseen layer. They didn't touch the ground. When the girl patted the dog she also leaned her knee against this invisible layer. The entities had a broad black bracelet with a yellow button on their left wrists. They touched this occasionally which seemed to have some connection to their weightlessness.

The older man explained that he knew about the pygmies; he showed how they hunt with bow and arrow. He also made it clear that his people would come in great armadas in the future. After some conversation the older man went to "the ship" and fetched an object in the shape of a cylinder, or a microphone. He let this object glide along the back of Helge, who suddenly felt relieved from his kidney-pains which had troubled him for fifteen years. Helge felt that the object was warm and vibrated.

When the conversation had lasted for about one hour it grew darker and then Helge noticed that the vehicle was surrounded by a blue phosphorescent light. The whole craft sort of vibrated. Except for the dark cylinder beneath it was semi-transparent. It consisted of two shells of which the outer shell rotated. The inside seemed very spartanlike, no chairs but only three shining cylinders standing on the floor. Terminating the conversation the entities entered the craft which took off with enormous speed. Helge noticed that it changed colour from blue to orange as it flew away.

When the doctors had Helge x-rayed on the following day they were very confused as the stone was gone. Subsequently all x-ray plates were checked by a doctor in Stockholm who confirmed that no stone was visible on the plates taken after the contact experience. This doctor has since moved to Switzerland and I have been unable to trace him.

The second contact

In August 1966, about ten months after the first experience, Helge felt a strong urge to go back to the lake where he had his initial contact. The urge was very strong, almost as if someone else drove the car.

As he arrives at the lake he finds the same craft hovering a few feet above the water-surface (it's now summer). Beside "the ship" a man is standing in the air as if weightless. There is a slight breeze causing ripples on the lake. Helge spots a small skiff and starts out through the reed-towards the craft. He recognizes the man as one from the initial meeting. This man starts to talk but the sounds he makes are not synchronized with his lip movements - they seem instead to come from the craft slightly afterwards.

Helge is informed that he will go to the Bahamas as their contact man and he is given a metal plate always to wear. He says it is impossible for him to go to the Bahamas since he doesn't speak English and is an uneducated man - besides he has a wife to care for at home. Obviously, however, Helge has no choice, he is ordered to go. Post-contact he digs a hole in the wood and buries the metal plate there.

He tells his wife what has happened and they decide to sell everything they have and even to kill their dog, which was very dear to them. In March 1967 they take off for the Bahamas. They are told to go to a certain place on Little Exuma. Helge makes one mistake, however. He forgets his plate. Nothing happens on the Bahamas and they are forced to return home.

They feel ashamed to resettle in their old home town. Instead they make contact with a brother of Helge's living in Stockholm. For their remaining funds they buy a house trailer and settle down south of Stockholm where Helge finds work as rockblaster once more.

A peculiar episode happened on the plane from England to Nassau in the Bahamas. Helge noticed fourteen people all looking like catholic priests. When the plane landed in Nassau they disappeared in a mysterious way. One of them was father Rapas...

Father Rapas

Helge and his wife obtained an apartment south of Stockholm, through friends who were members of "Ifologiska sällskapet". He met several of the leading members of that group and one of them - a wealthy building contractor - offered to finance the trips to the Bahamas.

Helge decides to fetch the plate he has hidden in the lake. On his way up from Gothenburg he stops at a gas station. There, an old man comes up to him and asks if he is going towards Stockholm. Helge felt somewhat tired and thought it would be nice to have someone to talk to so he accepts the passenger.

The man is dressed in black cape, boots and a big black slouchhat. After a while he asks Helge if he doesn't recognize him. Helge denies this but suddenly it dawns on him that this is one of the "priests" that he saw on the plane for Nassau.

The man introduces himself as father Rapas. He is working for the overlords - which he preferred to call them - who had contacted Helge on the previous occasions. Rapas suggests a coffee-break at a motel.

They sit down at a table and Rapas takes off his slouchhat and puts it on the table, but orders nothing to drink. At this point Helge begins to feel very confused about the whole thing. Perhaps I'm going crazy and this man doesn't exist at all, he thinks. When a young boy passes their table Helge gives the big hat a push and it falls to the floor. The boy, thinking it is he who has done it, picks up the hat and apologizes. Rapas obviously is real, Helge thinks.

Helge is given instructions on how to proceed the next time he goes to the Bahamas. This time he must not forget his plate. The plate in question was 7 x 4.5 cm in size and about 1 cm thick with a rough backside. It was made of a material like aluminium and was engraved with three rows of cryptic symbols, possibly a kind of identity card. (See fig. on page 1). The plate occasionally became so hot that Helge kept it wrapped up in asbestos. He

also claimed it gave him rashes. (This reminds of Albert Bender, who received a metal disc that became so hot he couldn't hold it (5) and also the Aarno Heinonen contacts reviewed in AFU Newsletter 18 and 19).

As they had travelled a few more miles Rapas suggest that he take the wheel for a while. Helge wonders if this is wise, since Rapas seems to be very old; Helge suggests about 60 or 70 years of age. Well, if you double that some ten times you will be closer to the truth, is Rapas answer.

Anyway, they change seats and Rapas proves to be a good driver, perhaps a little too good.. He drives like Helge's old Volvo Amazon was a racing car. Helge tries to calm him by telling that the police may have check-points here and there. But Rapas says he can feel where they are. Helge falls asleep and when he wakes up Rapas is gone and the car is parked beside the road outside Södertälje. On the driver's seat is a package of fruit.

The New Generation

Several Swedish ufologists were now becoming interested in the Helge case and lots of rumours circulated. A small group grew up around Helge, who returned to the Bahamas, this time carrying his plate. The building contractor financed this trip.

Money was to be mailed to Helge through a school teacher in Nyköping - Tryggve Glantz. In January 1968 a meeting is held in Nyköping. The gathered people are informed of a letter from Rapas, written through Helge and dated Jan. 1, 1968. Rapas outlines the basics for an organization to be started by the Swedish group. This course of action has been confirmed by the overlords. The organization is to be called "The New Generation".

The New Generation was intended to be a peace organization. I quote from the claimed letter from Rapas: "We detest you. That is why we believe in the youth, they are the only ones whose hands are not soiled with the blood of others... Your catchword shall be: Freedom from violence - from hunger - we are all brothers and sisters... You who have supported him (Helge) shall not be forgotten, you shall reap a hundredfold, but if someone hurts him or his devoted wife, I say, they shall be revenged sevenfold".

The group also received the "Rapas rules", 65 philosophical points. For example, point 15 says: "If you have helped a poor man with your last money and dressed him with your own clothes, given him your last food and he rises up and wants to knock you down, toss him into the lake, he is worth nothing else". Point 17: "If there should be interplanetary people among you, which I believe is rather rare, don't let them grow to heaven but bring them down to earth again and demand more work of them".

Most members of the group felt uneasy about the whole thing. There were too many threats in the background. Something was not right, they thought. The building contractor had been told to pay thousands of crowns without knowing what he really supported. When Helge returns from his second Bahamas séjour the group breaks up and Helge feels betrayed and seclude himself.

The Bahamas retreat

Helge's second trip to the Bahamas had fared better off than the first, however. This time he didn't forget his plate. It all happened around the New Year of 1967-68. Father Rapas had told Helge what to do when he came to the island Little Exuma. On New Year's Eve he went to the harbour and contacted an old negro called Joe, who owned a boat. There was also a girl by the name of Li. They started towards a small island, presumably called Wennergren Island, where they entered a mountain through an opening.

This was the base. Here Helge saw various kinds of entities: giants, hermaphrodites and dwarfs. He was shown the evolution of Earth and its civilization in a three-dimensional picture. During this experience he collapsed three times and had to be revived by Rapas. Helge was also shown a collection of weapons from all ages. From this mountain center "The New Generation" organization would spring, according to Rapas. Here Helge was to enter some kind of school.

Although the Swedish group broke up, Tryggve Glantz continued for a while to promote The New Generation. He was interviewed by the Swedish daily "Folket" and their article was published on June 1, 1968. Tryggve claimed that they already had 600 members. The movement was referred to as a "world-wide peace movement in the spirit of Martin Luther King... origi-

nated by the West Indian peacemaker Rapaz". In the autumn of 1968 the organizations had plans for a great meeting where Harry Belafonte, Ralph Abernathy and Coretta King would appear. This meeting never took place. Rapas is referred to as a wealthy industrialist this time. During a trip around the world he saw so much misery that he decided to use his wealth for charity purposes, all claims according to the "Folket" article.

CIA agent killed by "the brothers"

Since the building contractor now had withdrawn his economic support Helge had to rely on his contacts "from space". Obviously this group had unlimited economic resources. One day a man from a car firm visited Helge and gave him a new car. He said it was paid for and was to be delivered to Helge.

Before the third trip to the Bahamas Helge contacted a friend who was to take care of the apartment, pay the rent and care for the flowers. The payment for this service would be sent from the Bahamas, to a special bank account. Helge paid in just five crowns on this account before he and his wife went.

On the very day that they went to the Bahamas someone paid 1.000 crowns on this account. Every week it increased by a few hundred crowns but the receipts never said who put the money there. No money ever arrived from the Bahamas.

When Helge and his wife returned they were very anxious as they thought they must owe their friend a lot of money. When their friend explained that there was always money on the account, they first thought he had given them himself but later realized that some of their UFO-connected contacts must have made payments.

On his further trips Helge only met one type of entity. They were thin, pointed features, deeply tanned with a somewhat oriental look, long tapering fingers and dark eyes. They all seemed very perfect, not a blemish on their skin. Helge never saw the people from the initial contacts in Sweden, the bull-necked ones with pointed ears. On the third trip Helge's wife saw the entities for the first time and she fell on her knees thinking they were the angels of God.

On the Bahamas Helge also met others of their earthly contacts. There was a Russian and one American negro, named Loftin,

with whom he made good friends. One day Little Exuma was swarming with CIA agents. Loftin had informed the CIA of the base. Later Loftin was found dead with a bullet hole in his head. He had been killed for treason.

Since CIA now knew of the Bahamas base it was moved to a place outside Mexico City. From now on Helge boarded the plane for Mexico City instead of Nassau. In this way the contacts are still going on as far as I have been informed.

They have no feelings

People who have been in touch with Helge through the years naturally ask him why he doesn't stop working for these entities. His answer is that he cannot, or he will go the same way as Loftin did. There is a way in but no way out.

In August 1976 a friend of mine talked to Helge on the phone. He then said: "What I have gotten into is negative, you become very isolated. I warn you from going deeper into this". During the first few years, in the 60s, Helge thought he owed them some help in return for their healing of him. Later he said: "You don't know what kind of a hell I'm into". In case he couldn't take it any more he had a pill that he carried around.

Helge got very little information from the aliens. If he asked something they would return the next day after consulting with their overlords. Still, Helge's Russian friend said that Helge seemed to know more about them than he had found out after working for them for twenty years. They seemed totally without feelings; death and torture didn't disturb them the least. In some ways, though, they seemed stupid, not even telepathic according to Helge. They claimed they came from another planet and were here to prevent a third World War, but Helge thought differently.

One of my informants saw several photographs taken by Helge on the Bahamas. The entities couldn't be photographed, though, instead there was a lighted square where one of them had been. Helge remembers one episode when he sat on a bench, talking to one of them. Suddenly a stranger walks by and Helge felt very embarrassed as it appeared as though he was talking to himself. These people had the ability to disappear into thin air.

A peculiar feature was that they never slept or ate, but they did drink. Also, Helge never met any women among them. While on the Bahamas he was allowed to use their cars. He drove an old type, but seemingly brand-new, black Cadillac. The strange thing was that it couldn't be crashed. It had a sort of magical eye that steered it. When you learned the trick it was very easy to drive, Helge claimed.

Passport to paranoia

What we have here are the typical and infamous men in black. They are identical to the ones described by other ufologists. Sometimes as I look through my file on this case I get a feeling of unreality, like reading a science fiction novel. But I have no reason to doubt my informants. I have deliberately withheld some events, names and places as they are good check-points in other cases of this kind or if more information of this particular case should turn up.

What puzzles me in this case is that there is no mentioning of lost time, hypnosis or the like. In most MIB-encounters there is some form of mind-tampering. What we do find here, though, are mythic elements, like the visit to the mountain retreat. Perhaps this was mentally induced?

This case has naturally resulted in much heated controversy and speculation. Where do they come from? What do they want? Another Swedish contactee who had a plate similar to Helge's claimed that this group were a form of mafia. They sell themselves to the highest bidder. The only way to get away from them is to pay more. The ordinary earth mafia pay them money. This devil theory was confirmed by a psychometric medium who held the plate mentioned. From this sitting she got such a shock that she lost consciousness for a while.

The UFO-mafia connection has been mentioned by other ufologists and contactees. Woodrow Derenberger, the American contactee, who was visited by the MIB referred to them as the mafia (6). While we are on to paranoia theories I also like to mention Richard Shaver, who claimed that the largest group of cave dwellers were the "gangster groups" who are "in active and frequent contact with both criminals and corrupt politicians on the surface (7)".

Whoever these people are they are working on a global basis. They look almost exactly alike as reports from all over the world confirm. John Keel was deeply involved in several MIB cases during the 1960s. In the Eighth Tower he writes (8): "On a number of occasions I actually saw the phantom Cadillacs as advertized, complete with sinister-looking oriental-like passengers in black suits. On Long Island, following the directions given me in an anonymous phone call, I pursued one of these cars down a dead-end road where it seemingly vanished into thin air..."

If the intelligence organizations of the world are aware of these things, as is indicated by my Helge file, then they are probably trying to deal with it on their own level with maximum security and no publicity. As ufologists there is very little we can do except carefully documenting the claimed facts as they come our way.

There is no reason to believe that these entities are extraterrestrial. They move among us without any apparatus and have obviously been here for a long time. There are MIB reports from as far back as the 19th century. My personal speculation is that these entities somehow belong to this earth but are of a different evolution. In theosophical literature there are frequent mentions of two other physical evolutions sharing this earth with us. They are possibly neither good nor evil but can be "used" by those who know how. Perhaps John Keel is right when he concludes: "We have not been viewing the masters, only the slaves". (9)

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PROJECT U.R.D. - A SWEDISH SYSTEM AIMED AT COMPUTERIZATION OF UFO DATA

Introduction: The idea of computerizing UFO report data in in high esteem nowadays among the international UFO research community. Dozens of data systems on different levels of refinement have been (or are being) designed by researchers around the globe. The Swedish Project U.R.D. (Project UFO Report and Data) is one of the most ambitious attempts, and it has a definite international outlook. One of the project's goals is to become a world-wide center for UFO report computerization.

With only 54 cases on file (so far) they are, however, quite distant from the statistically valid and interesting amount of report data. Co-operation from other countries are much welcomed and needed by this group of Stockholm computer and research specialists, who in their daily routines work for prestigious organizations such as IBM, the National Academy of Engineering Science and the Stockholm University. This article is a short presentation of the philosophy behind some of the work of the U.R.D. team.

Project U.R.D. is a project and not an organization. This means that the project is a way to unite all the efforts made by various UFO study groups all over the world. Only through this, and with a certain amount of standardization of investigation and documentation methods, a sound basis for scientific analysis can be achieved.

The project U.R.D. has been designed with these as primary requirements. The initial analysis and checkout of the design has been made in close cooperation with Swedish UFO study groups as well as scientists from many disciplines. The contents of the U.R.D. report form is the greatest common denominator of some 10 professional scientists' ideas on data needed for future analyses.

The development of project U.R.D. started already in 1972 and the work leading up to the present U.R.D. concept was finished in 1973. Since then methods have been revised to some extent. It is worth noting that the concept preceding the one presented here was one of much greater complexity. Due to the "human error factors", and some practical aspects, it was necessary to reduce the complexity of the project, ending up at the level of ambition presented here.

However, when instrumental registrations of great accuracy can be done it is relatively simple to return to the original concept.

Analysis of present condition

During the initial analysis of requirement all problems vital to the UFO problem was screened. The most fundamental ones are:

1. The occurrence of UFO:s cannot be pre-determined or controlled.
2. Information collection is highly dependent on the "human error" factor.
3. Only few cases are accompanied by instrumental registrations.
4. The psychological climate has not been positive. This has caused the number of reported events to be only a fraction of the actually occurred number of events.
5. Investigators often lack technical/scientific training. They have therefore not been able to find all information necessary for a proper evaluation.
6. Interviews easily tend to be leading, thereby distorting the actual information.

7. Desirable/necessary information content within a report has not yet been discussed deeply enough.
8. Information content has not been structured and classed to permit a more rational handling.
9. Organizational and practical difficulties to immediately follow up an occurred event.
10. No real coordination between countries when it concerns reporting and mostly no coordination between different groups/organizations within a country.

From the above one conclusion can be drawn:

UFO "research" has been in almost absolute lack of an effective and scientific instrument for collection and analysis of UFO reports.

The reason for this might be found in the fact that the UFO phenomena covers most scientific disciplines. Also there is a language barrier, different motives for interest in the phenomena, etc.

To come to grips with this situation the following has been done:

1. The creation of a reporting network on a local, national and international level.
2. The creation of a classification system covering potential information existing in typical reports.
3. The creation of an educational package in order to give the field investigator necessary training for a proper and scientific work.
4. The development of a computer system for registration and analysis of collected information.

Organizational structure

Since it seems necessary to operate on a global basis with information collection, the U.R.D. system has been designed accordingly and been split up in the following functional units:

1. Field investigators who are responsible for the actual investigation and documentation work.
2. A national report center initiating and coordinating the field investigators work. This center also does the final compilation of the report.
3. An international center which receives all the encoded reports and

which is responsible for computer registration and analysis.

Investigation and research by specialists are initiated by the national center in cooperation with the field investigator.

In some countries it might be practical to further subdivide the country into separate regions. The responsibility for initiation and follow-up then rests upon the region center. Depending on personal and other resources this basic structure can, however, be modified in order to achieve best possible efficiency.

Information distortion

A transfer of information is likely to distort it in one way or another. Sometimes this distortion is so severe that it is harder to discover the original information. It might even happen that the distortion is taken for information.

Analyzing and documenting an UFO event we find three critical transfers of information:

1. When the phenomena was observed

What did actually happen and how did the observer interpret it? To be able to clarify this to some extent one must also try to get some knowledge about the observer and his capabilities in such a situation.

2. When the observer is questioned

It has been noticed that the observer often lacks adequate expressions for what has been observed. Besides, the reference system of the observer is different from that of the field investigator.

3. When the observation is documented

Transferring a series of events into static pictures always means that some information will be lost. Furthermore the investigator might have misunderstood details in the observers narrative and may also have difficulties in describing the phenomena.

The first of the possible distortions may be difficult to come to grips with despite its vital role. The second and third possibilities are easier to eliminate, thereby minimizing total distortion.

One way to do this is to train the field investigators and develop report forms and investigation techniques specially suited for this type of work. Furthermore, field investigators should work

two and two together when analyzing and documenting an UFO-event.

Structurization of informations

If it at all shall be possible and meaningful to store and rationally handle all vital information about an UFO event, this information must be structured carefully. Such an effort will also simplify field work. Within Project U.R.D. this is one of the basic features and allows us to handle a large amount of information, per report, with greater ease than before.

When structuring the information bits, two different principles have been used:

1. With respect to information
2. With respect to time

The first concept allows us to divide all information into separate groups. This will simplify both the report form design, the computer file design as well as the work in the field.

The second concept means that we have adopted a new way to look at an UFO-event. Hereby it is possible to make computer aided analysis of events in order to see if different events might be caused by the same phenomenon. This also allows us to make detailed computer aided studies of the behaviour of a phenomena relating different maneuvers to changes in speed, colour etc. In doing this we might be able to secure definite patterns of behaviour that might lead to some classification of the nature of the UFO phenomenon.

With regard to information the following classification has been done:

- A. Time of occurrence and organizational identity,
- b. Location specifications,
- C. Observer informations,
- D. Static informations about the phenomena,
- E. Behaviour of the phenomena.

It is worth noting that this also allows us to document and study such cases where more than one object is involved. This because point 5 may be repeated with one description per observed object.

With this basic structure all detail information have been classed. For practical reasons, information pieces have been assigned limits of value rather than attempting to store definite values. It is very seldom that precise numerical values can

be secured with a high degree of accuracy. At this phase of research it is not necessary with such detailed information.

Furthermore the principle of square law has been applied when assigning limits for the actual values. Thereby we approach the way in which the human senses work and minimize possible errors.

Computer system

The computer system of project U.R.D. was designed with the usage of an on-line data base system in mind. Combined with specially designed programs for complex selections it would properly fill its function as a fact access library of report abstracts.

From the beginning it has been our intent to use the computer as a tool for initial report analysis in order to find recurrent patterns. Also it serves as a fast feedback function in the sense that one might find unexpected recurrent patterns requiring changes in the investigation methods.

The information structure lends itself easily for computer storage on any media. However, one should avoid using cards mainly because they do not permit the fast handling which will be necessary when the amount of reports grows.

For the time being tapes are used to store report abstracts, and disc packs are used for information processing. The actual computer is an IBM 370/165 with facilities for plotting and telecommunications. As the economic situation only permits a temporary solution, computer usage will be restricted to registration and some statistics. Later, the tape files will be converted and the system expanded into its full concept.

Local computer files are of course a possibility and this has been discussed during the design phase. However, all reports should be stored at at least one site, otherwise processing of the total amount of information will be almost impossible due to communication problems. Even if only one computer is being used, all participating organizations has equal possibilities to access the stored reports. All utilization of the computer system is (of course) based on a non-profit idea. The computer handling responsibility in this case lies upon the organization where the computer is situated. No organization having this responsibility, has any right to stop any member within the project from utilizing the complete file.

FURTHER NOTES ON U. R. D.

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On May 25, 1973, members of three Stockholm UFO groups sent inquiries to several other Scandinavian groups concerning the idea of a common working party. This met with positive responses from several groups, particularly those Swedish groups which had not associated with the UFO-Sweden organization (created just three years earlier). The idea was formalized at a meeting in Stockholm when the Project U.R.D. was instituted to pool resources on data collection and to work out a common educational programme for investigators. A common definition of UFO phenomena was accepted.

During 1973-74 work proceeded on the educational package and a systematic 7-page report form, aimed at computer studies. The nucleus of the U.R.D. team in Stockholm were actively working with computers and so, from the start, the project was heavily structured to suit data analysis. An educational loose-leave binder ("The U.R.D. blue book"), comprising some 70 pages plus report forms, booklets from the weather bureau, etc, was ready by 1974. Many U.R.D. courses were held in 1974-75 to train some 100 potential investigators, particularly in giving true representations of UFO events on the U.R.D. forms.

In July 1975/^{U.R.D.} was formalized as a privately financed foundation, the "International U.R.D. Foundation". The foundation is ruled by a six-headed board of directors.

There was still, however, a lack of interest from field investigators outside of the major towns of Stockholm and Gothenburg. UFO-Sweden, the national UFO organization had started its own chain of field investigators which worked mainly to feed this organization with data for publication in their magazine. At least as concerns the number of reports and geographical spread UFO-Sweden was the more successful group. They declined any cooperation with U.R.D. the motif being that U.R.D. was an unnecessary duplication of efforts. This policy still remains in 1981 despite changes in UFO-Sweden leadership.

In 1974 a heavy concentration of UFO events occurred just north of Stockholm which provided U.R.D. with some 100 raw reports, incidents which so far have not been documented to the general public. Investigations in the area were carried

out in close co-operation with the military. Among the more bizarre was one classic "abduction" case, investigated under hypnosis by one of Sweden's leading hypnosis experts.

In 1976 U.R.D. extended its interests to Finland in coordination with Finnish ufologists. Members of the team have travelled to many countries "trying to sell" the concept. Harald Thuresson and Bjarne Håkansson visited Hynek in 1976 and 1979, respectively. Thuresson also went to Texas (Project Starlight International) and Håkansson saw Dr. Jacques Vallée. Besides voyages and presentations within Scandinavia, U.R.D. was actively represented at the recent BUFORA conference in August 1979, where Bertil Kuhle-mann gave his views and U.R.D.'s viewpoints to the working party on international standards of UFO investigation. U.R.D. was given a positive write-up by Canadian ufologist David Haisell. The project will also be represented at the coming London conference in May, 1981.

Today, particularly since the Gothenburg group decided to disengage with active field research in 1978, it seems that Project U.R.D. is too much of an armchair

PROJECT U.R.D. REPORT No. 1 - Characteristics of a UFO report file

This report contains more than 100 pages of computer output, obtained when analyzing the U.R.D. file of June 1978 with the statistical program package SPSS. The file is as yet fairly small (42 cases), but on the other hand the report form used by U.R.D. is unusually rich in details. The report can be ordered from:

International U.R.D. Foundation,
Box 454, S-101 26 Stockholm,
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project lacking the backup of a national group of people active and interested in documentary day-to-day field investigations. U.R.D. may be a tool for UFO research but has met with great sceticism in Sweden's ufology world, mainly because of the large amount of data in the questionnaire - by many regarded as a too ambitious working-level for today's spare time workers - and the apparent preponderance for computer-adjusted "technological" information where many feel that the need for research may be more apparent on the psychological-psychic side of the UFO puzzle. Be that as it may, personally

BOOK REVIEW:

A FEAST FOR THE EYE

Bob Rickard is one of the leading light-houses in the strange subculture of phenomenal, fortean study. In 1973 he set sails as an able, idea-rich editor of his publication The News (since 1976 known as Fortean Times), and soon developed a frank and down-right goal - to become the FSR of forteanism. Checking the last volumes of FT it seems this may have succeeded. In 1977 Bob, co-authored, with John Michell, the sourcebook "Phenomena. A book of wonders" (see AFU Newsletter II) which focused Rickard's remarkable gift for finding good and thrilling illustrations. No wonder he would set his mind on creating a good pictorial handbook which is now presented as Photographs of the unknown, co-edited with Richard Kelly.

Photographs of the unknown is a wonderful feast for the eye. Many of the photos reproduced are of superb quality, dramatizing and documenting unique moments of phenomena and wonder. Some are rare, some even frightening. And some are dubious, of course, like the Swedish

I feel that every line of "attack" on those mysterious UFOs should be tried out and that, seen from an international perspective, U.R.D. may prove to be a useful tool.

References on U.R.D:

Bertil Kuhlemann: Some reflections on UFO research and International co-operation. Journal UFO v 2 n 1 pp. 22-23.

David A Haisell: The first London International UFO Congress 26-27 August 1979. Journal UFO v.1 n 3 pp. 12-20.

Lars Thörn photos (page 54). The Swedish UFO research group GICOFF - In the mid-70s - attempted to re-create these photos by snapping a Chevrolet-55 nipple tied to a string. Result was surprisingly similar to the original. This aspect of continous hoaxing and fakery is a sad fact of the game but from reading Rickard's writings I'm sure he's not unaware, as other writers seem to be. Negative comments are sometimes "forgotten", here and there, in pictorial works like this where the full informational background simply cannot be presented. Not taking the subject 100% seriously picture books on fortean subjects are sources of awe and wonder and emotions, a much-needed ingredient of our mechanical and materialistic times.

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Robert Rickard & Richard Kelly: Photographs of the unknown. - London: New English Library, 1980. - 144 pp. - hardcover, A4 size, £7.95.

MAGAZINES

MAPIT Skywatch, No. 38, Dec-Jan 1980/81. The very good magazine with the very dull layout. Well, you can't have it all. "Mental communications and psychological disturbance" by Mark Moravec covers a rather uncharted area of UFO research. The five cases presented are good examples of the thin line between delusion and reality. Also, as usual, a lively reader's letters column, book reviews and news. MAPIT Skywatch, 92 Hillcrest Road, Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire. - 6 issues - £3.00.

Magonia, No. 5, 1980. With the publication of Vallée's "Messengers of deception" many of us have dusted off old conspiracy books for a second look. So too has obviously Roger Sandell, giving part one of "From conspirators to contactees". We all want to know who's property we are and this article is a very good overview of the fantastic world of conspiracy theories. With this issue the catalogue of Type I sightings, compiled by Feter Rogerson, passes its thousandth entry. A ufological milestone, no doubt. The editor, Magonia, Mr.

John Rimmer, 64 Alric Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4JW, England. 4 Issues - £2.25.

Stigmata, No. 11, fourth quarter, 1980. Cattle mutilations are seemingly here to stay and Stigmata is hot on the trail of this grisly business. This issue gives strong evidence that the cult connection which many of us have doubted could be the answer in isolated mutilation incidents. There are strong ties between an organization known as "Sons in Satan's service" and recent mutilations in Canada. Why can't these bastards join the Gnome Club or something instead and play around with the good guys. Well, choice is free on this planetary dustbin. Stigmata, P. O. Box 1094, Paris, Texas 75440, USA. Quarterly, \$5.00.

Nordic UFO Newsletter, No. 1, 1981. This is the first issue of the English newsletter published by Nordic UFO Groups, consisting of Norsk UFO Center, Norway and Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige, Sweden. Editor is Mentz Kaarbo. Issue one concentrates on giving a resumé of the hottest cases in Sweden and Norway during the last 25 years. Nordic UFO Groups, P.O. Box 1155, N-5001, Bergen, Norway. Price and frequency not stated.

UFO-Norge Nytt, No 5/6, Dec. 1980. Official publication of Riksorganisationen UFO-Norge, edited by Knut Aasheim. In Norwegian only. This issue has an article on the "Aliens among us"-theme by Aasheim, plus material on cattle mutilations, Soviet UFOs and of course recent UFO ob-

servations in Norway. UFO-Norge, Knut Aasheim, Postboks 142, N-2073 Bøn, Norway. 4-6 issues/year, free to members.

Shavertron, No. 5, Fall 1980. If you are a fan of Richard S Shaver this new magazine, edited by Richard Toronto, is one to note. News and views of what the people below are doing and useful info for collectors of shaveriana. Richard Toronto, 309 Coghlan St., Vallejo, Ca. 94590, USA. Quarterly, \$6.00/year.

UFO-Nyt, Nr. 1, Jan-Feb 1981. This magazine, published by the Danish group Skandinavisk UFO Information (SUF01) is one of the real old-timers with the first issue in 1958. Although being among the more conservative in ideology it has a good coverage of both UFO-news worldwide and Danish cases. Issue 1/1981 with new large format and glossy cover gives a brief report from the first committee meeting of PICUR (Provisional International Committee for UFO Research) held in Copenhagen in Oct., 1980. Also report from Ray Stanford's Project Starlight and Soviet UFO-news. UFO-Nyt, Postbox 6, DK-2820 Gentofte, Denmark. 6 no/year - D.kr. 85.00.

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